

## RHETT ANSWERS GRACE.

Submits Letters From Chairman Willie Jones and Messrs. Smith and Simons.

Columbia, August 19.—The letter of Mr. R. G. Rhett to President Roosevelt in regard to the appointment of Crum, referred to in the campaign as containing expressions sympathetic with the Republican party, has been submitted to Gen. Willie Jones, State Democratic chairman, who has given a statement saying that he found no such sentiments therein. The private letter books of Mr. Rhett from October, 1902, to January, 1903, have been submitted to two distinguished lawyers of Charleston, Messrs. H. A. M. Smith and James Simons, who state that they find therein only this one letter from Mr. Rhett to the president and who agree with Gen. Jones in his statement, saying further that on account of certain personal references to a lady who was affected by the Crum appointment, Mr. Rhett is correct in his refusal to publish the letter. The statements follow:

Columbia, S. C., August 18, 1903.  
Mr. James A. Hoyt,  
Columbia, S. C.:

Dear Sir:

At your request as a representative of Mr. R. G. Rhett, candidate for the United States senate, I have read carefully a letter to the president of the United States, signed by Mr. Rhett, and dated Nov. 21st, 1902, in his private letter book, submitted to me by you, in which Mr. Rhett protests strongly against the appointment of Dr. Crum as collector of the port of Charleston. I can see nothing in this letter which would indicate anything Republican or any tendency towards the Republican party on the part of Mr. Rhett. The letter appears to me to be simply a strong protest by a Democrat against the appointment of a negro to an office in South Carolina.

Very truly yours,

Willie Jones,

Chairman.

Charleston, August 17th, 1903.

Hon. R. G. Rhett,

Charleston, S. C.:

Dear Sir:

At your request we beg to say that we have examined your copy letter-books covering the period from October, 1902, to January, 1903, and find therein but one letter addressed to President Roosevelt. This letter (and you assure us this is the only letter in that period) is dated November 21st, 1902, and was written at the time of the contemplated appointment by President Roosevelt of W. D. Crum as collector at the port of Charleston, and is written in the most strenuous terms of protest against that appointment. We have read the letter carefully, and find in the letter absolutely nothing to the effect, as stated in the affidavit of Mr. John P. Grace, that you were a "Republican and reproached the president because by the appointment of negroes to prominent office he would render impossible and ineffective the work of yourself in advancing the interests of the Republican party in South Carolina." Your letter in no way, shape or form intimates that you either are or propose to be a Republican, and the protest to the president is couched upon the theory that the appointment of negroes to office in the South was most unfortunate for them, inasmuch as it simply tended to increase the friction and lessen the possibility of harmonious existence between themselves and the whites of the South, upon whose good will the best possibilities for the future of the negro depended.

There are in the letter allusions of a very personal character to individuals (a lady, for instance) which we think it would be a breach of propriety on your part in this matter now to publish.

Very truly yours,  
Henry A. M. Smith,  
James Simons.

## ROMANCES OF CANDIDATES.

Courtship of Taft—Kern Married at 21 and Again at 36—Bryan in Love When Only 19.

Philadelphia Telegraph.

Four principal candidates will present themselves to the American people for election next November. These four men—William Howard Taft and William Jennings Bryan, one the Republican and the other the Democratic nominee for the Presidency, and James S. Sherman and John W. Kern their running mates—were once candidates of a different order.

All four seek now for the highest two offices in the gift of the American people. All four once sought and

were elected to the highest office in the gift of the American woman.

For all four successfully courted American girls. The political story of these men has been told often. Their public triumphs and defeats are well known. But the greatest triumph that has come to any of them—or that comes to any man, indeed—that of winning the woman he loves for his wife—has remained unchronicled. Undoubtedly, William Howard Taft would rather be the husband of Mrs. William Howard Taft than to be president were he compelled to choose between these honors, to one of which he was elected some 22 years ago by one vote—that of Miss Helen Herron, of Cincinnati, while for the other he is still merely a candidate. Ambitions as William Jennings Bryan undoubtedly is, he, too, would declare his candidacy for the hand of Miss Mary Elizabeth Baird the most important for which he has ever offered himself. The courtships of these two notable Americans, together with those of James S. Sherman, of Utica, N. Y., and John W. Kern, of Indiana, are as interesting as the men themselves.

Miss Helen Herron, who became Mrs. William Howard Taft, and whom Mr. Taft calls the "politician of the family," was the daughter of former United States District Attorney John W. Herron, who was the law partner of President Rutherford B. Hayes. In her early girlhood Mrs. Taft spent a great deal of time at the White House as the guest of the Hayes family, but it is doubtful if she ever thought that her meeting with young "Bill" Taft, whose father, Alphonso Taft, had been secretary of war and minister to Russia, would in all probability bring her back to rule over it as its mistress.

"Mediocrity will never do for Willie," said his father, when the Republican candidate was eight years old. And "Willie"—by that time promoted to "Bill"—proved it when he grew up by falling in love with Miss Helen Herron. The Taft and Herron families had known each other always. Young Taft went to Yale, the age of 17. At that time his future wife was a little girl in short skirts, to whom he had never paid the slightest attention. Returning to Cincinnati at 21, after graduating second in a class of 120, young Taft went to work as a court reporter of a local newspaper at \$6 a week. Miss Helen Herron was then 17. She was a studious girl with a great love of books and a passion for music. While young Taft was studying law out of the hours given to newspaper reporting she was attending Cincinnati University, and after a year's course began teaching in a private school. She was even then a believer in the higher education of women. She married Mr. Taft when she was 25 and he 29, but the marriage was the culmination of an understanding which had existed for some years. They were waiting simply for young Taft's income in the practice of law to equal \$100 a month. Young Taft never had any other sweetheart than the serious young student, and no other man had ever interested Miss Herron as did the young lawyer in whom she detected the material of a great man.

When William Jennings Bryan, then a student in Illinois University, met Mary Elizabeth Baird, who was to become his wife, for the first time, he was 19 years old. She was a year younger—a tall, slim girl, with brown hair and blue eyes, with a forehead so remarkably wide for a woman as to be almost startling. Mrs. Bryan has described this meeting herself in Mr. Bryan's book, "The First Battle."

"My personal knowledge of Mr. Bryan dates from September, 1879," she wrote. "I saw him first in the parlors of the Young Ladies' School, which I attended in Jacksonville. He entered the room with several other students, was taller than the rest and attracted my attention at once. His face was pale and thin; a pair of keen dark eyes looked out from beneath heavy brows; his nose was prominent—too large to look well, I thought; a broad, thin lip set mouth and a square chin completed the contour of his face.

"He was neat, though not fastidious in dress, and stood firmly and with dignity. I noted particularly his hair and his smile. The former, black in color, fine in quality and black in color, fine in quality and parted distressingly straight; the latter expansive and expressive."

During Mr. Bryan's school days he boarded with a cousin of Mrs. Bryan's mother. After their first meeting at the Jacksonville Seminary Miss Mary Baird was invited frequently to dine with the old lady. A romance developed immediately, but it was agreed between the young couple that they should not marry un-

til after the election, which occurred within one day of each other. Each was valedictorian of the class.

After her marriage, in 1881, Mrs. Bryan studied law with her husband, not with any idea of practicing, but merely to keep mental pace with him. Like Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Bryan is a progressive woman. She is a club woman, but has been, nevertheless, the companion and inspiration of her husband for nearly the third of a century.

In 1881 Laura Babeock, of New Hartford, near Utica, was married to James S. Sherman. The young man who was to become the Republican nominee for the vice presidency was then 25 years old, a ruddy, hearty, jovial fellow, who was known as the most popular man in his class at Hamilton college, from which he was graduated in 1878.

Miss Babeock was the daughter of a Utica lawyer. Her education was obtained at the Utica Seminary, and she later took a course at Balliol college, but she did not complete her studies. Perhaps the devotion of young "Jim" Sherman interfered, for she married three months after putting away her schoolbooks. The marriage was a simple ceremony in a village church.

Although Mrs. Sherman is a woman of delicate physique, she is thoroughly active and interested in all things pertaining to her husband's political life. She is, first of all, a devoted wife and mother.

When James S. Sherman heard of his nomination his first remark was: "This will surprise my wife!" and turning to his secretary said: "Wire at once to Mrs. Sherman." Mrs. Sherman's joy at her husband's nomination was soon tempered by the news of his serious illness on his way home from the convention, and when she reached his bedside she collapsed from worry and grief.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman have three children—Sherill, 24 years old; Richard U., 23, and Thomas M., 21. There are no daughters, but chief interest is centered in the little grandchild of the family, who is in reality the head of the household.

John W. Kern, of Indianapolis, Democratic candidate for the vice presidency, has been twice married. In 1870 he made Miss Julia Anne Hazzard his wife. By this marriage one child, Julia, was born. She is now a very popular young lady in Indianapolis, and a leader in social and club life. She is a graduate of the Young Ladies' Classical School and also took a finishing course in Miss Gardiner's School, in New York. In 1875 his first wife died. He was married the second time in 1885 to Miss Araminta A. Cooper, of Kokomo. Two sons have been born to them, John W. Kern, Jr., 9 years old, and William, 5 years old.

Mrs. Kern is prominent in the civic life of Indianapolis, and is a conspicuous member of the Women's Council. She divides her attention between her children and her philanthropic work. Kindergarten education is especially interesting to her. She is as well known in her sphere at home as is Mr. Kern in his, and is considered the social arbiter of Indianapolis.

## BARBECUE AT JOLLY STREET.

We, the undersigned, will give a first-class barbecue at Jolly Street on Saturday, September 12, 1903. A good dinner will be served on the grounds and every one is most heartily invited to come and enjoy the day. Dinner: For ladies, 40c; gentlemen 45 cents. Come one, come all.

T. D. Richardson,  
J. Walter Richardson.

## NOTICE.

The County Board of Registration will be at the places mentioned below for the purpose of granting registration certificates to those who have not secured same, viz:

Township No. 2, at Mt. Bethel school Sept. 1st.  
Township No. 3, at Mt. Pleasant school Sept. 2nd.  
Township No. 4, at Whitaker school Sept. 3rd.  
Township No. 5, at Jalapa school Sept. 4th.  
Township No. 9, at Prosperity school Sept. 5th.  
Township No. 1, at Newberry C. H. Sept. 7th.  
Township No. 6, at Longshores store Sept. 8th.  
Township No. 7, at Chappells school Sept. 9th.  
Township No. 8, Utopia school Sept. 10th.  
Township No. 10, at Jolly Street school Sept. 11th.  
Township No. 11, at Pomaria school Sept. 12th.

E. Lee Hayes, Chairman.  
J. W. Wertz,  
B. B. Leitzsey.

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Card From Mr. Wells.

To the Democratic Voters of Newberry County:

I regret that I have not been physically able to attend all the campaign meetings and address you on the issues of the day. However, I stand for economy in the administration of both the State and county government. I favor the establishment of a board of economy, to consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to visit all the State institutions and to examine into their condition and see if they cannot be run at a less expense than at present. This board to be appointed by the governor from among farmers and business men, no politicians or officeholders to be appointed on it. This will cost less than eight hundred dollars a year. This board ought to save the people of South Carolina at least a hundred thousand dollars a year.

I am against the present immigration department.

I am against raising salaries without the voice of the people.

Respectfully,

O. S. Wells.

CINCO CIGARS can be bought from 1 to 1,000 at Broadus & Ruff's.

## TEACHER WANTED.

The undersigned trustees will receive applications for teacher of the Lehigh school in No. 4 township

M. A. Renwick,  
T. H. Brock,  
S. A. Rikard,  
Trustees.

## TEACHER WANTED.

The undersigned trustees of Long Lane school will receive applications for teacher of said school for next term.

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T. H. Brock,  
S. A. Rikard,  
Trustees.

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## RE-REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Notice is hereby given that the supervisors of registration will be at their offices in the court house during the months of July and August to re-enroll voters of this county in accordance with provisions of an act of the general assembly approved the 25th day of February, 1903. The offices will be open every day except Sunday from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. during these two months. The law requires that all voters shall be re-registered.

E. L. Hayes, Chairman.  
B. B. Leitzsey,  
J. W. Wertz,  
Supervisors of Registration.

## BLUE RIDGE SCHEDULES.

Eastbound.

No. 18, leaves Anderson at 6.30 a. m., for connection at Belton with Southern Railway for Greenville.

No. 12, from Wallalla, leaves Anderson at 10.15 a. m., for connection at Belton with Southern Railway for Columbia and Greenville.

No. 20, leaves Anderson at 2.20

p. m., for connections at Belton with Southern Railway for Greenville.

No. 8, daily except Sunday, from Wallalla arrives Anderson 6.24 p. m., with connections at Seneca with Southern Railway from points south.

No. 10, from Wallalla, leaves Anderson at 1.57 p. m., for connections at Belton with Southern Railway for Greenville and Columbia.

Westbound.

No. 17, arrives at Anderson at 7.50 a. m., from Belton with connections from Greenville.

No. 9, arrives at Anderson at 12.21 p. m., from Belton with connections from Greenville and Columbia. Goes to Wallalla.

No. 19, arrives at Anderson at 3.40 p. m., from Belton with connections from Greenville and Columbia. Goes to Wallalla.

No. 11, arrives at Anderson at 6.29 p. m., from Belton with connections from Greenville and Columbia. Goes to Wallalla.

No. 7, daily except Sunday, leaves Anderson at 9.20 a. m., for Wallalla, with connections at Seneca for local points south.

Nos. 17, 18, 19, and 20 are mixed trains between Anderson and Belton. Nos. 7 and 8 are local freight trains, carrying passengers, between Anderson and Wallalla and between Wallalla and Anderson.